

HB 1877 -- Public Assistance Benefits

Sponsor: Sommer

This bill prohibits recipients of Missouri Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits from making an electronic benefit transaction at any casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment. If after an administrative hearing it is determined a recipient has made a prohibited transaction, he or she must be declared ineligible for TANF benefits for a period of three years. Other members of the household that remain eligible must continue to receive TANF benefits as protective or vendor payments to a third-party payee. Any person who in good faith reports a suspected violation will not be held civilly or criminally liable.